

The Lexington Intelligencer

LEXINGTON, LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSOURI, SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1906.

No 12

Council Proceedings.

Council met in regular session Monday evening, March 12, all the members present. The regular official reports were read, received and filed. The reports of the various committees were read and approved. The claim of the Gas & Electric Company for \$117.65 was allowed.

Capt. S. J. Andrew asked that the special tax bill issued against lot 8, McGirk's addition be abated. The matter was referred to the streets and alleys committee.

George Wilson asked that 9th street be put to grade and that a gutter be put along the west side of same to protect his building at corner Main and 9th streets. This was referred to streets and alleys committee.

Resolutions were offered and passed fixing the voting places at the city election April 3, and for the selection of judges. The voting places will be as follows:

First ward: Haerle building on Broadway.

Second ward: Court house.

Third ward: Store of William Loomis.

Fourth ward: Old engine house.

The judges of election will be as follows:

First ward: I. J. Bliss, Thos. Clark, Joshua Coulter, James Hale, J. A. Graham, Mike Holwell.

Second ward: Thos. Walton, Gus Pirner, William Eatherton, Pat Roach, Fred Kohlman, James Kirchner.

Third ward: Wm. H. Loomis, T. T. Stramoke, John Erskine, Robt. Waddell, J. C. Kelly, Henry Tagtuehring.

Fourth ward: J. P. Ardinger, J. M. Owen, Fritz Hoppe, Thos. Labey, John McBeer.

The mayor appointed Owen Owen policeman for one month. Council adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 20.

Haldeman-Bishop.

Married, at the home of the bride's mother on East Franklin avenue, Saturday morning, March 10, at 6:30 o'clock, Mr. Sherwood Porter Haldeman, of La Belle, Missouri, and Miss Abba Jackson Bishop, of this city, Rev. R. B. Briney performing the ceremony. It was a quiet wedding, only the immediate relatives and friends being present.

Mr. Haldeman has been a cadet in Wentworth Academy for several years and was a young man of fine record in that institution.

The bride was a member of the senior class of the Lexington High School and is well known in this city, where she has lived since her childhood, as a young woman of many accomplishments of mind and grace of character.

The bride and groom left via the Santa Fe for a short visit in the North, after which they will be at home at La Belle, Missouri.

Resigns From Supreme Bench.

Judge W. C. Marshall of the Missouri Supreme Court, sent his resignation to Governor Folk Wednesday. He says:

"I leave the bench with the utmost respect and good feeling for my associate judges, and for all the officers of the state. In leaving the office before the expiration of the term for which I was elected, I feel that the people have a right to know my reason for so doing. The sole and only reason that prompts my action is to better my financial condition and to make provision for my family after I am gone, which, by experience I have found it impossible to do out of the salary attached to this office. I take this occasion to say that I believe all the salaries paid officers of state are grossly inadequate and not at all commensurate with the labor performed or the responsibility attached to their offices."

Judge Marshall was appointed to the Supreme bench in 1898 and in the same year was elected for a term of ten years. The Judge is 58 years of age, was born a Mississippian, and educated at the University of Virginia.

Hamlin and Rector Speak.

Hon. C. W. Hamlin and Hon. Alf. F. Rector spoke at the court house Wednesday night to an audience of about one hundred. George B. Gordon

called the meeting to order and presided. The speeches for the most part, were devoted to the presentation of the claims of these two gentlemen for the democratic nomination for congress in this district. They will speak in Higginsville tonight.

The New Modern Minstrels.

The New Modern Minstrels, an organization composed of Lexington people, gave its initial performance at Wellington Tuesday, March 3. The following is the programme:

FIRST PART.

Opening Chorus - Entire Company

Ballad—Longing for You - A. Sheets

End Song—Gravy - Warren Vivion

Ballad—Everyone is in Slumber

Land but You and Me - Gilbert Drum

Ballad—When the Bees are in the Hive - George Sheets

End Song—What You Going to do When the Rent Comes Round - W. R. Trotter

Ballad—The Message of the Moonbeams - H. D. Diffin

Grand Finale - Entire Company

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Baso Solo—The Sentinel Am I - William Smock

Introduction of Hiram Green - H. D. Diffin

MONOLOGUES.

German Song, Parodies and Jokes - W. R. Trotter

The New Modern Quartette—H. Diffin, A. Sheets, G. Grumm, W. Vivion

Blackberry Cavalry - Company

Musical Director - Miss Opal Webb

The initial performance of the company was well received and a return engagement was booked.

Lexington College Notes.

Miss Edna Schell's mother of Wichita, Kansas, is spending a week at the College.

Mr. John Reynolds, of Denver, Colorado, spent Sunday with his sisters, Misses Eleanor and Gladys.

Miss Anna Olav Pence returned Monday night from a visit to her home in Buckner.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Dowd and Miss Inez Moore of Weston, Missouri, visited at the College Monday and had the pleasure of hearing their sister, Miss Bess, sing at the recital.

Mrs. Tevis' Reception.

Mrs. Irving Tevis entertained for Mrs. Walter B. Waddell about one hundred of her friends Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. The house was decorated throughout with colors of red and white, to which were added ferns and palms in the parlor.

Mrs. Tevis was assisted by Mrs. J. P. Gordon, Mrs. Alfred F. Smith, Mrs. E. W. White, Mrs. B. N. Cook, Mrs. M. D. Wilson, Mrs. E. J. McGrew, Mrs. J. R. Moorehead, Mrs. William Stonestreet, Misses Alice Peak, Anne Ireland, Carry Field, and Master Pemberton Gordon.

Refreshments were served.

Entertained for Mrs. Waddell.

Forty guests were present at a progressive lunch party given to Mrs. Walter B. Waddell by Mrs. James M. Pak and daughters, Misses May and Alice, at their home on Main street Saturday afternoon.

Palms, ferns and cut flowers were used in profusion in all the rooms. Prizes were won by Mrs. Waddell, Mrs. J. A. McLennan, of Higginsville, and Miss Eleanor Lynds.

A luncheon of several courses was served.

New Game Law Decision.

The St. Louis Court of Appeals rendered a decision Wednesday to the effect that the new game law does not require hunters to obtain license to hunt in the counties in which they live.

Thomas Fitzgerald, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Fitzgerald, died in this city Tuesday night, aged 20 months. After services at the Catholic church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, interment took place in the Catholic cemetery.

Miss Jess Ault, of Tulsa, Indian Territory, who has been visiting Mrs. Alfred Franklin Smith, left Wednesday evening for Kansas City for a brief visit with friends there before returning to her home in Tulsa.

Pupils' Recital.

An unusually interesting entertainment was given by the students of the School of Music at Lexington College Monday evening.

The college chapel was tastefully decorated with ferns, potted plants and carnations for the occasion, and the program rendered gave every evidence of artistic development in musical interpretations. Too much cannot be said in praise of this recital, which was one of the best ever given in Lexington.

The following numbers were rendered:

Piano—Impromptu Mazurka....Lack
Miss Grace Campbell.

Song—Winds in the Trees.....Goring-Thomas
Miss Laurene Walker.

Violin—Air Varie.....Dancila
Miss Pattie Baird.

Song—Since We Parted.....Allitsen
Miss Letitia Dooley.

Piano—Capricante—March de Concert
.....Wachs
Miss Nell Sanderson.

Song—Out on the Deep.....Lohr
Mr. Will Smock.

Piano—Spinning Wheel.....Spindler
Miss Nettie Fredendall.

Song—Flood Letters.....Willeby
Miss Sadie Holmes.

Piano—Kamomett Overture Robinstein
Miss Jean Wiley.

Song—Calm as the Night.....Bohm
Miss Bess Moore.

Piano—The Last Smile.....Wollenhaupt
Miss Ruth Hoyt.

Song—Thy Sentinel Am I.....Watson
Mr. Will Smock.

Piano—a Nocturne E. Flat....Chopin
b. Murmuring Zephyrs.....Jensen-Niemann
Miss Virginia Graves.

Duet—Life's Dream is O'er, S. G. T.
Miss Walker and Miss Moore.

The violin solo by Miss Pattie Baird was admirable and called forth rounds of applause.

All the vocal numbers were warmly received by the large audience present. The piano solos brought forth many words of commendation and praise. Technically and musically they were charmingly rendered, giving evidence of the guidance of a master hand.

After the entertainment the evening was delightfully spent in an informal reception. The guests were invited to the main part of the building and in a short time office, library, halls and parlors resounded in merry laughter and gay repartee. The soft drinks, which were served during the hours of social intercourse, added a pleasant zest to the soft hum of the interflowing conversation. The mirth and happiness of this delightful social occasion was marred only when that bell rang in its remorseless tone. "This time to go home—this time to go home."

Death of Judge Mercer.

Judge John W. Mercer died suddenly at his home in Independence Tuesday evening, aged 61 years. He was born in Platte county, educated at Chapel Hill in this county, and served through the war in Elliott's brigade. He was wounded in the battle of Lexington, and lost an arm in the battle of Pine Bluff.

Judge Mercer held various city and county offices and at the time of his death was one of the judges of the county court. He is survived by a wife and four daughters.

Death of Lorimer Fulton.

Died, at the home of his sister, near Greenton, Sunday, March 11, Lorimer A. Fulton, aged about 55 years.

Mr. Fulton suffered a paralytic stroke last summer from which time his health declined. He was back tax collector under Dr. J. J. Fuikerson and continued in the same office under Geo. B. Gordon until his health failed.

Sold Stallion and Jack.

Frank Stewart sold this week his all purpose stallion, Max O'Rell, and his young jack, Limestone Louis, to Louis Arth & Sons of Dover, consideration \$1,000. Both of these are fine animals, regarded highly by the stockmen in this vicinity.

Miss Grace Spaid returned to Mayview Thursday morning after a visit to friends and relatives here.

Minutes of the Lafayette County Road Improvement Society.

About a month ago the county court called a good road meeting for Thursday March the 8th in Higginsville, this meeting was fairly well attended. The meeting was called to order by Judge P. W. Osborn, E. N. Hopkins was made temporary secretary. After discussing several important points it was decided to make the organization permanent. A committee was appointed to draw up a constitution and bylaws, they were Messrs. Butts, Groves, Ehlers, Shelby and Hopkins; committee on resolution, Messrs. Dierker, Winkler and Waddell. The convention then adjourned until 1:30 p. m. when convention reassembled, the committee on constitution reported: In order to effect organization of the road commission, and property holders of Lafayette, law who are interested in the improvement of the roads of this county the following constitution is proposed:

1. The organization shall be the Lafayette County Road Improvement Society.
2. The officers of the county court, the county road and bridge commissioners, and the district commissioner shall be considered members of the society ex officio.
3. All property holders both townsmen and countrymen who are interested in promoting the cause of road improvement, may be admitted to the society by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting.
4. There shall be two regular meetings of the society each year viz: the first Thursday after the first Monday in March and November. (Special meetings may be called at any time by the president of the society.)
5. The officers of the society shall consist of a president, vice-president, and secretary and treasurer, who with two other members appointed annually at the March meeting shall constitute the Executive Board.
5. The duties of president, vice-president and secretary shall be the usual duties of said officers in other organizations. The duties of the Executive Board shall be the collection of information upon the subject of road work and road condition in various parts of the county the presentation of the same at the meeting of the society. It shall also arrange a program for road meetings. It shall be the duty of the secretary to give notice through the county papers, of the dates of meeting, and of the program of proceedings and to further notify every road commissioner by postal card.
7. The officers shall be elected annually at the March meeting. Permanent organization, Judge P. W. Osborn, president; S. G. Emison, vice-president and John H. Dierker secretary and treasurer, these officers with H. F. Holke and E. N. Hopkins constitute the Executive Board.

Report of committee on resolutions.

1. Resolved that this society instruct the president to appoint a committee of three to urge upon the representative in the legislature who shall be elected this fall to represent this county, the enactment of a law by which the poll tax levied for county road purposes shall become due and payable at such date in summer as will make it more possible generally to collect this tax either in money or work.

2. Resolved, that the county court be requested to issue a circular letter to the road commissioners of the county urging them to enforce more strictly the laws relating to keeping open the side ditches and drains along the public roads, also in regard to brush from hedges being thrown into the road ditches.—The president appointed Messrs. Lafayette Groves, S. G. Emison and E. N. Hopkins as a committee to confer with our county representative next fall. The split log drag and its work was discussed for sometime the commissioners were requested to use the same to the best of their judgement. Culverts were also discussed for sometime, the commissioners also instructed to put in substantial work of this kind, the

same on small bridges. If any commissioners that were not present at the meeting may get information by addressing the secretary. Commissioners advised to hold meeting in their respective districts to confer with their poll tax payers etc.

JOHN H. DIERKER, Sec.,
Alma, Mo.

In Honor of Miss Ahrens.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rankin entertained about fifty guests Monday evening last at their lovely home on Franklin street in honor of their cousin Miss Lucile Ahrens of Belleville Kansas.

On the reception line were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rankin, Miss Ahrens of Belleville Kas., Mr. Nelson Ward of Lawrence Kansas, Mrs. Bliss Albro of New York City, Mr. Porter Ahrens of Kansas City, Miss Emily Lambert of Kentucky and Miss Mary Lillian Atkinson of Conway Arkansas.

Mrs. Rankin wore a gown of white silk acolian over white silk and carried pink roses, Miss Ahrens wore flowered silk mull over white silk with large bunches of sweet violets. Mrs. Albro wore light blue princess over blue silk with pink carnations. Miss Lambert wore all white as did Miss Atkinson.

The parlors, reception hall and dining room were decorated in pink roses and ferns. Cards were played during the evening after which a two course luncheon was served.

The prizes were won by Miss Lessie Bates and Mr. Jim Terhune. Miss Ahrens, as guest of honor, was presented by the host and hostess, with a beautiful head done in water color.

Dr. Ament's Lecture.

President J. E. Ament of the Warrensburg State Normal delivered a lecture Thursday night at the Christian church in this city on "God and the Foul." The title of the lecture was taken from the scriptural adage, "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God." The subject of the lecture was the recurring attacks of unbelief growing out of the rapid succession of important scientific discoveries which have made necessary the retreat and reformation of philosophies—both the philosophy of the theologian and the philosophy of the schools. Dr. Ament held that no scientific discoveries thus far made and none that the future promises could, in the very nature of things, do away with the mind's necessary assumption of a first cause. The treatment of the theme was as comprehensive and exhaustive as the time would permit of. The theories of Haeckel popularly set forth in his "Riddle of the Universe" were examined critically and with fairness.

Mr. Welborn's P. O. Bill.

Mayor Winkler is in receipt of a letter from Congressman Welborn in which he says that he has the promise of a favorable report upon his Lexington postoffice bill, but that the federal census of 1900 is against the success of the measure. By the federal census the population of Lexington was about 4,500. By the census authorized to be taken by the city council in 1904, the population was reported 5,276. This census has been certified to Mr. Welborn and it is hoped that he may be successful with his measure, which provides for the appropriation of \$70,000 for a federal building here and \$10,000 for a site.

Preaching at the First Baptist church on Sunday morning and evening by Rev. Edwin James, the district evangelist of the Lafayette and Johnson Association. The subject of the morning sermon is, "An Eagle Stirring up her Nest," and for evening, "The Jaw-bone of an Ass." At the close of the morning services the church will proceed to call a pastor as already announced. A full attendance of the members is desired.

At the prayer meeting of the Baptist church Wednesday night the subject of calling a pastor was considered, and it was decided to take final action next Sunday morning.

Mrs. S. J. Huston returned from Kansas City Wednesday night.

Bar Meeting.

A meeting of the Lafayette County Bar Association was held at the court house Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to endorse Alexander Graves for appointment to the Supreme bench of Missouri vice Judge W. C. Marshall resigned. Clarence Vivion was elected chairman and N. M. Houx secretary. Upon motion the chairman was authorized to appoint a committee of three including himself to draft resolutions of endorsement and forward the same to the governor. The committee appointed consisted of Wm. H. Chiles, Judge William Young and Clarence Vivion. Upon motion the chairman and secretary were authorized to telegraph the action of the bar and to request that the appointment be delayed until the receipt of the resolutions and the petition.

Upon motion the committee on resolutions was instructed to seek the signatures of the chairman and secretary of the county democratic committee in endorsement of the petition.

The resolutions are as follows: Lexington, Mo., March 15, 1906.

At a meeting of the Bar of Lafayette County Missouri, held on March 15th, 1906, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved that we, the members of the Lafayette County Bar, do most heartily endorse Hon. Alexander Graves of Lexington, Missouri, for the position of judge of the Supreme Court of Missouri, made vacant by the resignation of Judge William C. Marshall; and do most respectfully request his Excellency Governor Folk to appoint him to fill said vacancy.

We do most sincerely and cheerfully recommend Mr. Graves as a lawyer and scholar, thoroughly qualified by education and experience to discharge the duties of such office ably and impartially and with credit to the state and the governor making such appointment.

Mr. Graves was a class mate and co-graduate in the department of law in the University of Virginia with Judge William C. Marshall, recently resigned; and we believe, if appointed, he will fill the position with equal ability, integrity and satisfaction to the bar, litigants and citizens.

Mr. Graves has always been and now is an earnest, zealous and enthusiastic supporter of his Excellency, Governor Folk and the policies advocated by him.

And we feel that he is entitled to the recognition, especially in view of his eminent qualifications for said position.

Respectfully submitted by your committee,

WILLIAM YOUNG,
WILLIAM H. CHILES,
CLARENCE VIVION,
Committee.

CLARENCE VIVION, Chairman.
N. M. HOUX, Secretary.

Letter List.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the postoffice, at Lexington, Mo. March 15, 1906.

Mr. John L. Barry, Miss Nettie L. Bliss, Miss Ella Brooks, Julia A. Carlyle, Mr. Jake Fisher, Mrs. Lydia Green, Reuben Holmes, Miss Mary Hammett, Miss Josie Jones, Mr. James Johns, Mrs. Lena Jones, Miss Martha May Johnson, Mr. Arthur Kirtley, Mrs. G. L. Leyburn, Mr. George Lillie, Mrs. Edith Martin, Herrn Cond Meyer, Mrs. Pannie Porter, Mr. W. L. Loblette, Dr. Stone Street, Mr. Samuel Headley Shone, Mrs. A. S. Ward, Miss Mary Whitlock.

When calling for these please say they were advertised.

DELIA CROWDER,
Acting Postmaster for Surmises.

Rev. Edwin James, of Holden, Evangelist of the Lafayette and Johnson District Association, will preach at the Baptist church in this city Sunday.

Miss Fannie Lawver went to Independence Wednesday evening to spend a few days and to attend the funeral of Judge J. W. Mercer.

Mrs. Ada Carter and grandson, Tom W. Hill went to Kansas City Friday morning to spend a few days.